Crop	State	Year	Cost of Production Cost C2 (Rs./Qtl.)
	Orissa	1991-92	186.46
		1992-93	213.06
		1993-94	N.A.
		1994-95	259.16
		1995-96	299.07
		1996-97	365.02
		1997-98	344.73
		1998-99	N.A.

Fertilizer plants

†*655. PROF. R. B. S.VARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of fertilizer plants set up in the country, the number of such plants which are in running condition and those which are lying closed;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to restart the closed fertilizer plants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantity of fertilizers being produced in these plants and the consumption of fertilizers in the country, year-wise, separately?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) At present, there are 67 large sized major fertilizer plants in the country manufacturing a wide range of nitrogenous, phosphatic and complex fertilizers. Out of these, the operations of the following plants of the fertilizer Public Sector

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Undertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of this Department had to be suspended/discontinued for reasons of safety/ feedstock limitation or on account of non-viability:—

(i) Ammonia-Urea units at Gorakhpur (U.P.), Ramagundam (A.P.) and Talcher (Orissa) of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI)

(ii) Ammonia-Urea units at Durgapur and Haldia Fertilizer Project (West Bengal), Barauni (Bihar), Ammonium Sulphate unit at Namrup-I (Assam) and Ammonia/Urea unit at Namrup-II (Asstam) of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC)

(iii) Urea-I unit of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF) at Trombay (Maharashtra); and

(iv) Dehradun (Uttaranchal) , Amjhore (Bihar) and Saladipura (Rajasthan) Units of Pyrites, Phosphate and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL).

(b) and (c) The Government have approved the revamp of the Ammonia and Urea units of HFC at Namrup at a revised cost of Rs. 509.40 crore.

The restart of RCF's Trombay-I Urea Plant has not been found techno-economically viable and the company has decided not to operate this plant.

The recommendations of the Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted to examine the rehabilitation/restructuring proposals of the four sick fertilizer PSUs of HFC, FCI, PPCL, and Project & Development India Ltd. (PDIL) are to be submitted to the competent authority in the Government.

The fertilizer nutrients produced domestically and the consumption of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers during the last three years is given below:—

(in Lakh MTs)

	Production			Consumption			
Year	N	P	Total	N	P	K	Total
1999-2000	108.90	33.99	142.89	115.92	47.98	16.78	180.69
2000-2001	109.61	37.43	147.04	109.20	42.15	15.67	167.02
2001-2002 (Prov)	107.68	38.60	146.28	114.16	44.16	17.07	175.39

Norms for pricing period of fertilizers

*656. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers (GoM) set up to go into Urea pricing for the Seventh and Eighth Pricing Periods has finalized the norms for the Seventh Pricing Period from mid-1997 to March, 2002;

(b) whether it also discussed the norms for the Eighth Pricing Period at its meeting held on 11th April, 2002;

(c) if so, what were the main decisions taken; and

(d) by when the steps are likely to be taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (d) A Group of Ministers (GoM) has been constituted on the direction of Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA) to examine the proposals for VII (1.7.1997 to 31.3.2000) and VIII (1.4.2000 to 31.3.2002 or till new pricing policy comes into existence, whichever is earlier) pricing periods under